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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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TAGS: ETRD, JM

SUBJECT:FUTURE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US

1. IN JUNE 9 INTER-AGENCY MEETING, GOJ (RATTRAY)  
INDICATED THAT JAMAICA PLANS TO RESUSCITATE ITS TEXTILE  
INDUSTRY UNDER NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM AND  
THAT POTENTIAL PRODUCERS OF APPAREL FOR EXPORT TO THE  
US (ALL US FIRMS) NEED ASSURANCE THAT USG WILL NOT  
R"STRAIN JAMAICAN EXPORTS AT UNCOMMERCIALY LOW LEVELS.

2. GOJ WOULD PREFER TO NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT  
WITH SPECIFIC LEVELS (I.E., QUOTAS), AS "BANKABLE  
ASSURANCES" OF MARKET ACCESS. USG EXPRESSED ITS  
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RELUCTANCE TO DO THIS. TO NEGOTIATE A  
RESTRAINT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE  
WOULD REVERSE PROPER ORDER OF THINGS AND WOULD TEND TO  
CONFLICT WITH USG'S OVERALL FREE TRADE POLICY.

3. STATE TEXTILE CHIEF (ST. JOHN) NOTED THAT USG COULD  
GIVE JAMAICA AN IDEA AS TO WHICH CATEGORIES WERE MOST

SENSITIVE AND WHICH LESS, SO THAT JAMAICA MIGHT PLAN ITS PRODUCTION, AS TO GIVE USG LEAST CAUSE TO ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS. GOJ RESPONDED THAT GOJ NEEDED MORE THAN

THAT, I.E., SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE THAT THE US WOULD ACCEPT CERTAIN IMPORT LEVELS OF VARIOUS PRODUCTS.

4. JAMAICA PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTIONS FOR ANTICIPATED EXPORTS TO THE US FROM 1978 THROUGH 1980, BASED ON SURVEY OF PRODUCER'S PLANS AND IN SOME CASES ACTUAL ORDERS.

340 COTTON SHIRTS      4.6 MYSE 1978  
                             9.2 MYSE 1979  
                             11.5 MYSE 1980

347 M&B TROUSERS      2.1 MYSE 1978  
                             2.45 MYSE 1979  
                             3.75 MYSE 1980

636 DRESSES            0 MYSE 1978  
                             1.2 MYSE 1979  
                             1.9 MYSE 1980

638 KNIT SHIRTS (INC. .200 MYSE 1978  
T SHIRTS), M&B      2.5 MYSE 1979  
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3.6 MYSE 1980

639 KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES .500 MYSE 1978  
(INC. T SHIRTS), W, G AND I 1.3 MYSE 1979  
                             1.4 MYSE 1980

640 M&B SHIRTS      .150 MYSE 1978  
                             1.4 MYSE 1979  
                             2.9 MYSE 1980

641 BLOUSES, NOT KNIT      .750 MYSE 1978  
                             5.0 MYSE 1978  
                             5.0 MYSE 1980

643 SUITS              .6 MYSE 1978  
                             1.5 MYSE 1979  
                             1.5 MYSE 1980

644 W&G SUITS      2.5 MYSE 1978  
                             3.1 MYSE 1979  
                             4.0 MYSE 1980

649 BRASSIERES, ETC. 2.96 MYSE 1978  
4.68 MYSE 1979  
5.5 MYSE 1980

AS ALL CATEGORIES MENTIONED WERE IMPORT-SENSITIVE  
AND AS JAMAICA WAS REQUESTING AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING  
ON PERMISSIBLE SHIPPING LEVELS; AN INTER-AGENCY GROUP  
WILL LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE PROJECTIONS AND RESPOND  
TO GOJ.

5. GOJ (RATTRAY) REITERATED REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE  
REGARDING US TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA TO DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM BARRACLOUGH JUNE 15 AND  
WAS ASSURED USG WOULD RESPOND TO GOJ ON THIS MATTER  
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